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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report from Eastport, Me.—Smallpox on Canadian border.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Small reports, March 17, as follows:

An epidemic of smallpox has broken out at Grand Falls, New Brunswick, 20 miles northeast of Fort Fairfield, Me. A total of 18 cases was reported March 15, and 4 buildings are quarantined. The disease is of a mild form, with no deaths up to the present time.

Report from Vanceboro, Me.—Precautions taken on Canadian border to prevent importation of smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Young reports, March 12, as follows:

During the week ended March 11, 1906, I inspected 18 trains carrying 1,107 passengers, of whom I vaccinated 30, chiefly second class.

The first-class passengers from St. John in nearly every instance, if not already protected, have vaccination done before leaving home in order to avoid inconvenience at this point.

Report from Gulfport, Miss.—Mosquitoes—Ordinances passed relative to mosquito destruction and general sanitation.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Sheely reports, March 12, as follows:

This city is very healthy at present.

Mosquitoes are present in houses, the effort to arouse the public to a general fumigation having met with no success. It is now proposed by the municipal authorities to compel the fumigation of every house before April 1 in which yellow fever occurred last year and to encourage general fumigation throughout the city, the draining and filling of all places in which stagnant water accumulates, and a thorough cleaning of all premises. Ordinances to this effect have been passed.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF STATES AND CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES, YEARLY AND MONTHLY.

CALIFORNIA—*San Francisco*.—Month of December, 1905. Estimated population, 475,000. Total number of deaths, 713, including diphtheria 4, enteric fever 6, scarlet fever 1, whooping cough 4, and 121 from tuberculosis.

Month of January, 1906. Total number of deaths, 790, including diphtheria 5, enteric fever 6, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 3, and 96 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of February, 1906, from 165 towns, having an aggregate estimated population of 987,623, show a total of 1,225 deaths, including diphtheria 13, enteric fever 12, measles 9, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 8, and 90 from phthisis pulmonalis.

ILLINOIS—*Belleville*.—Month of March, 1906. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Two deaths from tuberculosis reported.

MINNESOTA—*Minneapolis*.—Month of February, 1906. Estimated population, 261,974. Total number of deaths, 180, including diphtheria 7, enteric fever 8, scarlet fever 3, and 21 from tuberculosis.

Stillwater.—Month of February, 1906. Census population, 12,435. Total number of deaths, 9. No contagious diseases reported.

NEW YORK—*Buffalo*.—Month of February, 1906. Estimated population, 400,000. Total number of deaths, 448, including diphtheria 6, enteric fever 4, measles 1, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 3, and 45 from tuberculosis.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Reports to the State board of health for the month of January, 1906, from 19 localities, having an aggregate population of 155,250—white 95,250, colored 60,000—show a total of 222 deaths—white 96, colored 126—including enteric fever 3, scarlet fever 2, whooping cough 1, and 23 from phthisis pulmonalis.

OHIO—*East Liverpool*.—Month of February, 1906. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths, 14, including 2 from tuberculosis.

OREGON—*Portland*.—Month of February, 1906. Estimated population, 153,000. Total number of deaths, 99, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 4, and 10 from tuberculosis.

RHODE ISLAND—*Newport*.—Month of January, 1906. Estimated population, 25,000. Total number of deaths, 24, including 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.

Month of February, 1906. Total number of deaths, 23, including enteric fever 1, and 5 from phthisis pulmonalis.

TEXAS—*El Paso*.—Year ended December 31, 1905. Estimated population, 40,000. Total number of deaths, 693, including diphtheria 1, enteric fever 17, scarlet fever 3, smallpox 5, and 163 from tuberculosis.

WASHINGTON—*Tacoma*.—Month of February, 1906. Estimated population, 75,000. Total number of deaths, 40, including 8 from phthisis pulmonalis.